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RULPAKA/CDR193INFBDE FT CLAYTON PN
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PASS: (U) DIA FOR DC-4CA/JSI-4B/DB-3E1; USCINCSO FOR
SCJ2-IAD; CINCLANT FOR J24; AFOSIDIST7 FOR IVO;
AFOSIDET721 FOR CC; CDR193INFBDE FOR AFZU-DS; USAFSO FOR
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<> COUNTRY: (U) <><>COLOMBIA<><> (CO), <><>VENEZUELA<><> (VZ)
SUBJECT: /ARMED GANGS THREATEN FRONTIER

TRAVELLERS (U)

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY

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EVALUATED INTEL

DOI: (U) 830711

REQ: (U) M-4BX-21845

SOURCE: (U) OTS. THIRD COUNTRY ATTACHE WHO RECENTLY TRAVELLED IN THE AREA. BELIEVED HE IS ACCURATELY REPORTING WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD.

SUMMARY: (U) BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF HEAVILY ARMED
<> CRIMINALS OPERATING ON THE <><>COLOMBIAN<><> SIDE OF THE CO-VE
<> BORDER, EAST OF MAICO (1120N/7220W). <><>COLOMBIAN<><> NATIONAL
POLICE NOW ESCORT CIVILIAN TRAVELLERS IN GROUPS OF 6-8
CARS FROM THE BORDER WITH VE PARAGUACHON (1125N/7210W)
WEST TO THE TOWN OF MAICO ABOUT 12KM. TRAVELLERS ARE
REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR 6-8 CARS BEFORE THEY CAN PROCEED
UNDER ESCORT. THE THIEVES ARE APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN
<> STEALING DOLLARS CARRIED BY <><>VENEZUELAN<><> TRAVELLERS INTO
<> <><>COLOMBIA<><>.

TEXT: (U) SEE SUMMARY

<> COMMENTS: (C) THE RECENT DEVALUATION OF THE <><>VENEZUELA<><>
<> CURRENCY HAS FORCED MANY <><>VENEZUELAN<><> VISITORS TO <><>COLOMBIA<><>
<> TO CARRY U.S. DOLLARS. THESE <><>VENEZUELAN<><> TRAVELLERS WERE
BECOMING EASY MARKS FOR WELL ARMED AND ORGANIZED THIEVES
WHO WERE STOPPING INDIVIDUAL CARS BETWEEN THE BORDER AND
MAICO AND STEALING THE DOLLARS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS
THAT THE THIEVES ARE PART OF ANY KNOW SUBVERSIVE GROUP.

PROJ: (U) N/A

COLL: (U) AC, AH

INST: (U) U.S. - NO

PREP: (U)

APPR: (U)

EVAL: (U) NO REL TO: NONE

ENCL: (U) N/A

DISSEM: (U) N/A

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